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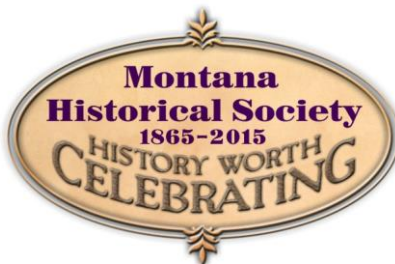
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Two Medicine Lake, Glacier County (T. Urbaniak, 2013)

**PRESERVING MONTANA:
The Montana Historic Preservation Plan, 2013-2017
Goals and Objectives
(for All Interested Montanans)**

GOAL I. EDUCATE: BUILD A FOUNDATION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION THROUGH KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING.

Objectives:

1. Gather, develop, and disseminate historic preservation guidance and standards.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: online guidance; information about local ordinances; information about fund-raising; update to Consulting with Montana SHPO; dissemination to areas of rapid development

2. Instill awareness and appreciation for Montana's heritage and heritage properties.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: post- WWII properties, including Modernist; landscapes; travelling exhibits; public fairs and workshops; state and local agency stewardship; Montana lawmakers

3. More fully incorporate the University system in the discussion of historic preservation issues and the training of preservation professionals.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: encourage academic fieldwork and research in Montana; create University student internship opportunities; become resource for University historic preservation and history classes/seminars; campus building heritage awareness

4. Pursue new ways and means to share information about Montana's historic, pre-contact and traditional cultural properties.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: website platform and content upgrades; social media outlets; walking tour apps; National Register property map applications; K-12 lesson plan development; owner awareness

GOAL II. CELEBRATE: PROMOTE PRESERVATION WITH RECOGNITION, PRAISE, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Objectives:

1. Use multi-media (e.g., television, print, internet) to convey historic preservation successes and opportunities.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: target general public; PSA development; expand regular press releases for local preservation stories and National Register listings; radio programming

2. Create forums to acknowledge and reward outstanding achievements and efforts in historic preservation.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: support and expand existing award ceremonies; re-invigorate local awards; establish prizes; nominate Montana for national awards

3. Increase public recognition of heritage properties through signage, published materials, events, and programs.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: property type and historical context publications; Main Street publication series; National Register sign program promotion; highway signage; heritage tourism materials; History Conference workshop; Montana Preservation Road Show; increase preservation poster visibility in public spaces

GOAL III. LOCATE: IDENTIFY AND DOCUMENT MONTANA'S HISTORIC, PRECONTACT, AND TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PLACES.

Objectives:

1. Survey or support the systematic survey of un-inventoried properties throughout the state.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: post- WWII architecture, including Modernist; state-owned heritage properties (SB3 2011); tribal cultural properties; properties associated with under-served/under-represented populations; prioritize un-inventoried communities; develop people-friendly state inventory form

2. Encourage a landscape approach, where appropriate, to the identification and explanation of the relationships among individual properties.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: pilot landscape study area; complete Tongue River Multiple Property Document; Northern Cheyenne geographical study; landscape identification workshop; rural agricultural landscapes

3. Enhance the management of and access to cultural resource property information.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: State Antiquities database digitization; public access to non-sensitive documents; tribal data-sharing agreements; historic districts individual property listings

GOAL IV. EVALUATE: ASSESS THE SIGNIFICANCE AND INTEGRITY OF MONTANA'S HERITAGE PLACES WORTHY OF PRESERVATION.

Objectives:

1. Guide the development and use of historical contexts for evaluating the significance and integrity of Montana's precontact, historic and traditional cultural sites.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Multiple Property Document historical context development; property contexts for historic irrigation, railroads, and rock cairns

2. Develop meaningful registration criteria or procedures for evaluating common or complex property types.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: National Register Multiple Property Document (MPD) registration criteria development; identify and share best practices and new approaches; post-WWII housing; women's history MPD

3. Encourage and assist owners to document and list properties in the National Register of Historic Places.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: prioritized list of the most significant Montana properties not yet listed in the National Register of Historic Places; step-by-step guidance for do-it-yourselfers; 2013-2014 women's history; 2014 Montana territorial sesquicentennial

GOAL V. ADVOCATE: SEEK SUPPORT OF PRESERVATION THROUGH FUNDING, INCENTIVES, AND PROTECTION.

Objectives:

1. Research, learn and promote the cultural, social, and economic benefits of historic preservation.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Montana-specific economic benefits of historic preservation study; preservation case study digest; clearinghouse for success stories

2. Provide leadership and vision in historic preservation.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: create preservation speakers' bureau (volunteer/expense reimbursement); local preservation assistance and training

3. Implement existing preservation legislation and encourage new laws and incentives to protect heritage properties.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: increase state agency awareness of State Antiquities Act and stewardship responsibilities; find and assist legislative sponsorship for expanding state rehabilitation tax credit; facilitate adaptive re-use of public buildings

4. Seek and obtain additional financial resources to supplement funding for historic preservation.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: lobby for increased state budget support of preservation; brick-and-mortar grant program; enhance grant-writing skills; support and promote Montana History Foundation Preserve Montana Fund campaign; identify cost-share opportunities

GOAL VI. COLLABORATE: WORK TOGETHER WITH PRESERVATION PARTNERS TO PRESERVE MONTANA'S HISTORIC, PRECONTACT, AND TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTIES.

Objectives:

1. Reach out to federal, state, tribal, local, public and private preservation stakeholders.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: identify and recruit expertise at the local, state, tribal, and federal level

2. Sponsor or participate in forums to share ideas, experience, and information.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: participate in Montana History Conference; support biennial Montana Preservation Road Show; collaborate with local institutions

3. Solidify existing partnerships and form new consensus for the benefit of historic preservation.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Montana Main Street – Certified Local Government interface; Montana Site Stewardship program; SHPO-federal agencies programmatic agreements; Montana Preservation Alliance Touchstone project

4. Meet regularly with tribal cultural representatives to facilitate consideration of tribal perspectives in historic preservation.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Tribal Historic Preservation Officers summit; establish tribal consultation protocols

GOAL VII. INTEGRATE: INCORPORATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION INTO PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND POLICIES THAT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO AFFECT SIGNIFICANT HERITAGE PROPERTIES.

Objectives:

1. Integrate historic preservation in public planning and policy-making at all levels.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: meet with city-county planning departments; increase visibility and standing for local historic preservation commissions; ensure state legislature awareness; state agency compliance; incorporate consideration of impacts to historic properties into disaster planning

2. Participate in reviews and comments on undertakings involving heritage properties, pursuant to federal, state and local preservation laws.

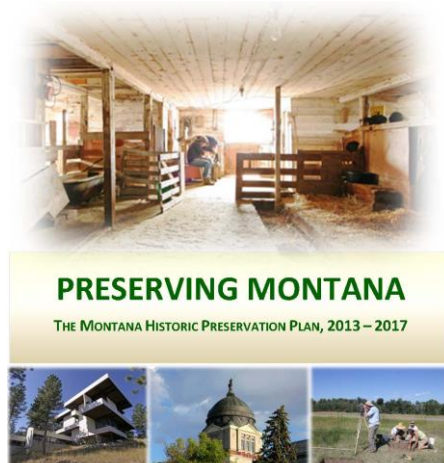
2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Citizens Guide to Section 106 outreach; non-profit and citizen public meeting advocacy; editorials; acknowledge proactive public agency stewardship

3. Connect with interest groups that engage heritage properties from other perspectives (e.g., realtors, developers, outfitters/guides, trade groups, recreationalists, other).

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: target realtor and insurance agent awareness and training regarding local ordinances and what it means to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places; information booths at interest group meetings

4. Compile and make available answers to frequently asked questions about historic properties and historic preservation.

2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: addressing myth and reality in the National Register of Historic Places, preservation law, and the cost of historic rehabilitation vs. replacement



Three 2014 Montana State Historic Preservation Office Highlights

THPO Summit 2014

The State Historic Preservation Office organized and co-hosted (with the Bureau of Land Management) a two-day meeting of tribes, state and federal agencies in Helena, May 20-21, 2014. All seven Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) from Montana as well as the Nez Perce THPO (ID) participated, as did representatives from six state and ten federal agencies. In all 50 people met to discuss agency-tribal consultation, development of protocols and programmatic agreements, and fostering better working relationships. A summary report of findings was prepared by SHPO for participants. A major recommendation is that tribes and agencies continue to meet on a regular basis for the open discussion of historic preservation issues in Montana.

150th Anniversaries

The 1860's were a pivotal time of change in Montana with many events having a lasting effect on the history and development of the state. To recognize one of these, the creation of the Montana Territory in 1864, the State Historic Preservation Office annual 2014 preservation poster was dedicated to the territorial 150th anniversary as symbolized by the Virginia City National Historic Landmark, one of the best preserved gold rush era towns in the west and Montana's second territorial capitol. Two thousand copies of the poster were produced and all were distributed (free) within six months. Planning next for celebrating the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Montana Historical Society in 1865 is underway in 2014 with intentions to highlight all the various programs of the Society. One of the newer programs, SHPO became part of the Montana Historical Society in 1979. 2014 also marks the 150th anniversary of the birthdate of Charles M. Russell, famous western artist who came to Montana as a teenager. The preserved and interpreted "Charlie" Russell house and studio in Great Falls is a National Historic Landmark while his so-called honeymoon cabin in the nearby small town of Cascade was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2005.

New Faces in State Historic Preservation

Four new staff joined the Montana State Historic Preservation Office in 2014 to take the places of those moving on to other endeavors. In January, Jennifer Peterson started as the new SHPO Administrative Assistant, bringing with her a background in state and private office work. Robb McCracken joined SHPO in July as the SHPO Grants Manager. An experienced grant writer, developer and manager, Robb has over 35 years of work with grants as well as a B.A. in History. Jessica Bush became the new SHPO Review & Compliance Officer in September 2014. Her M.A. in Anthropology from the University of Montana-Missoula as well as cultural resource work experience in the Dakotas make her a good fit for Montana SHPO. Finally, Steffany Meredyk, a recent graduate of Bucknell University with a B.A. in both History and Geography was hired in September to take over as the new Cultural Records Assistant managing the site records office.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAM FY2014

. Perform regular, allowable administrative activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: budget formulation; personnel management and staff development; administrative organization; grant and sub-grant management; and responsible fiscal policies and procedures (2013-2017

Goals/Objectives: V.2, V.4, VI.1)

- ✓ Complied with state and National Park Service (NPS) policies and procedures in ongoing budgeting and expenditure of FY2014 annual Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) federal grant allocation to Montana SHPO totaling \$785,524.
- ✓ Documenting required 40% non-federal match (\$523,683) to the FY2014 HPF grant. The majority of Montana's match continues to derive from activities of local preservation offices (Certified Local Governments) as matching sub-grantees, in addition to state bed-tax support of the National Register interpretive sign program, state general fund, and program revenue (fees).
- ✓ Administered \$15,000 of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) cooperative agreement grant support of our cultural resource data-sharing partnership (CRDSP) and statewide information system development. Renewed 5-year agreement with BLM for federal FY2015-2019 with commitment of \$20,000 for FY2015.
- ✓ Awarded \$74,650 in operational sub-grants and \$46,045 in special project sub-grants (see below) to Montana's 16 Certified Local Governments (CLGs) for a total of \$120,695 in FY2014, meeting and exceeding the 10% required HPF pass-through of \$78,552. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective V.2)
- ✓ Executed contracts totaling \$27,500 for contracted professional services through FY2015 to undertake historic preservation survey, nomination and database work (see below).
- ✓ Maintained professional staffing requirements including individuals (9.75 FTE) meeting or exceeding the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Professional Qualifications in historic preservation, history, architectural history, or archaeology. SHPO staff, as of the end of FY2014 are:
 - Mark Baumler, Program Manager/State Historic Preservation Officer (Ph.D. Anthropology/Archaeology)
 - Jennie Peterson, Administrative Assistant
 - Robb McCracken, Preservation Grants Administrator (B.A. History; M.S. Rural, Town & Regional Planning)
 - John Boughton, National Register Coordinator/Deputy SHPO (M.A. Anthropology/Archaeology)
 - Pete Brown, Historic Architecture Specialist/Deputy SHPO (M.S. Historic Preservation)

- Kate Hampton, Community Preservation Coordinator/Deputy SHPO (M.A. History)
 - Jessica Bush, Review & Compliance Officer (M.A. Anthropology/Archaeology)
 - Stan Wilmoth, State Archaeologist/Deputy SHPO (Ph.D. Anthropology)
 - Damon Murdo, Cultural Records Manager (M.A. Physical Anthropology)
 - Andrew Craft, Cultural Records Asst. (B.A. Anthropology/Archaeology)
- ✓ Hired Jennie Peterson (below, left) as new Administrative Assistant beginning January 2014 to replace Tammy Henderson who transferred to the position of Preservation Grants Administrator, before leaving SHPO to return to Idaho in June 2014. Jennie has both private and public office experience.
 - ✓ Hired Robb McCracken (below, middle) as new Preservation Grants Administrator beginning in July 2014. Robb brings 35 years of grant writing and administration experience as well as a B.A. in History to the job.
 - ✓ Hired Jessica Bush (below, right), University of Montana alum (M.A. Anthropology, 2009) and cultural resource specialist as Review & Compliance Officer in September 2014, to take the place of Kathryn Ore who was accepted into Law School at the University of Montana.



- ✓ Recognized John Boughton, National Register Coordinator, for his 5 years of service in state government employment.
- ✓ Hosted 2014 Montana Historical Society August and Mary Sobotka Education Trust Fund summer intern Chelsea Chamberlain, University of Montana History Department. As part of her internship, Chelsea successfully prepared and defended a National Register nomination for the former Montana State Training School in Boulder. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective I.3)
- ✓ Mentored voluntary internships with students from Montana State University-Bozeman (Chelsea Holling, Architecture), University of Montana-Missoula (Megan Moscarello, Anthropology, and Brad Benke, Architecture) and Carroll College, Helena (Anthony Woods, History, and Samantha French, History), involving various research and writing projects.
- ✓ Oversaw assistance from Montana Historical Society volunteers (Friends of the Society) in file and information management at the preservation office.

- ✓ Staff development: attendance and participation in professional conferences, workshops, trainings and other forums to maintain and enhance staff knowledge, skills, and abilities:
 - Understanding Tribal Cultural Resources, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and Tribal Governments meeting, October 30, 2013 (Mark Baumler, Stan Wilmoth)
 - CPR training and certification, February 11, 2014 (Andrew Craft)
 - Andrew Craft, St. Cloud State University, MN, MS thesis defense, March 28, 2014: *A Spatial Distribution Analysis of Artifacts and Structures at the Grand Portage North West Company Fur Trade Depot (21CK06) using a Geographic Information System (GIS)*
 - Department of Administration agency communications training workshop, Montana Historical Society, February and April, 2014 (All SHPO staff)
 - Department of Administration supervisor management training & collective bargaining agreements, March 24, 2014 (Damon Murdo)
 - Montana Archaeological Society conference, Hamilton, April 11-13, 2014 (Mark Baumler, Stan Wilmoth, Damon Murdo, Andrew Craft, Kathryn Ore, John Boughton)
 - Northern Plains Tribal Summit, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Fort Yates, ND, May 7-8, 2014 (Stan Wilmoth, Kathryn Ore)
 - Biennial Montana Preservation Road Show, Lewistown, June 11-14, 2014 (Kate Hampton, Kathryn Ore, Andrew Craft, John Boughton, Chelsea Chamberlain, Chelsea Holling)
 - State employee safety training, May 2, 2014 (Andrew Craft)
 - National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) conference, Philadelphia, PA, July 15-18, 2014 (Kate Hampton)
 - National Park Service Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credit training for state reviewers, Washington, D.C., July 28-August 1, 2014 (Pete Brown)
 - Historic Cemetery Preservation Workshop, Montana History Conference, Helena, September 18, 2014 (Jessica Bush)
- ✓ Met monthly with Montana Historical Society Centralized Services Division to monitor State Historic Preservation Office budget and expenditures.
- ✓ Met and exceeded Montana Legislature state agency program performance measures established for state FY2014.



PLANNING PROGRAM FY2014

. Perform regular, allowable planning activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including preparation of the state historic preservation plan; participation in the creation, review, and revision of agency and local plans; the development of historic contexts; the development and implementation of state and local preservation ordinances, regulations, and laws; and the application of advanced technologies in historic and prehistoric property preservation planning (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: I.1, V.3, VII.1)

- ✓ Promoted awareness and use of the revised 2013-2017 state preservation plan (*Preserving Montana: The Montana Historic Preservation Plan 2013-2017*) in public and professional forums, to local preservation programs, and in preservation education and outreach materials. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective V.2)
- ✓ Developed and routinely monitored FY2014 SHPO activities and projects for conformance with the goals and objectives of the 2013-2017 state plan (see above, 2013-2017 Goals and Objectives).
- ✓ Participated in 2014 strategic planning and assessment for the Montana Historical Society, of which SHPO is one of six programs.
- ✓ Reviewed and commented on federal, state, and local agency and organization planning and management documents, as requested, with respect to goals and objectives in the preservation of Montana heritage properties.
- ✓ Attended Montana Preservation Alliance (statewide non-profit) board and staff planning meetings.



- ✓ Awarded Great Falls CLG \$5,000 matching sub-grant to develop an action plan for the preservation and promotion of cultural sites along their Missouri River corridor.
- ✓ Provided extensive comment and participated in public meetings to update and revise the Butte-Silver Bow County preservation ordinance, including demolition review. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective V.3)
- ✓ Participated in Helena School District and Board planning for the future of historic Central Elementary School, including public meetings attendance.

SURVEY AND INVENTORY PROGRAM FY2014

. Perform regular, allowable survey and inventory activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: the conduct or support of surveys to locate, identify, record, and evaluate historic and pre-contact sites; the development, maintenance and use of cultural resource inventory information; and the application of new technologies in support of the above (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: I.4, III.1-3)

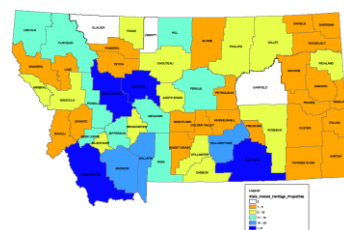
- ✓ Developed contract for the historic survey and inventory of the Montana State Capitol Campus, in partnership with the Montana Department of Administration's



Architecture & Engineering and General Services divisions. The survey, which will take place through 2015, will inventory 40 buildings of which 12 purpose-built state facilities will also be evaluated and nominated for listing in the National Register of

Historic Places as the Capitol Campus Historic District. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective III.1)

- ✓ Worked with individuals, organizations and communities to identify historic and pre-contact property survey needs and opportunities.
- ✓ Awarded total \$21,800 in matching special project sub-grants to three CLGs to conduct local survey and inventory, as follows: Billings-Yellowstone County CLG to finalize survey and inventory of the North Elevation neighborhood and prepare a National Register district nomination (\$12,000); Havre-Hill County CLG to conduct additional research on the potential national significance of Fort Assiniboine (\$5,000); and Missoula CLG to research and develop historic context of the Northern Pacific Railroad influence on the development of Missoula, including buildings and the built environment of the Railroad Street area (\$4,800). (2013-2017 Goal/Objective I(2013-2017 Goal/Objective IV.1)
- ✓ Made field visits to assist in the identification and evaluation of historic properties and archaeological sites, including the MacDonald Pass airway beacon (Powell County), Norwegian Barn (Broadwater County), Caird Engineering Works (Lewis & Clark County), Virginia City Meagher Cabin and Nevada City cemetery (Madison County), Montana State Training School (Jefferson County), and archaeological sites near Browning and St. Mary's (Glacier County).
- ✓ Maintained an updated inventory list of state-owned heritage properties (properties owned by the state that meet the National Register of Historic Places criteria for eligibility), for use by state agencies in biennial reporting on heritage stewardship efforts to the Legislature through the Preservation Review Board



and SHPO. (<http://mhs.mt.gov/Portals/11/shpo/docs/PropertiesList2014.pdf>)

- ✓ Worked with the Information Technology Services Division in re-programming the State Antiquities Database to facilitate consistent and accurate information reporting, including current National Register eligibility status of recorded properties. Developed contract with an information management consulting firm (Axiom IT Solutions, Missoula) to study and evaluate the State Antiquities Database and Geographic Information System (GIS) and make recommendations for potential changes and future development.
- ✓ Re-processed and re-entered some 75 large Forest Service annual survey compilation reports from 2000-2010 by breaking them down into component individual survey reports in the Cultural Resource Annotated Bibliography System (CRABS) of the State Antiquities Database. This comports better with the tracking of individual surveys/projects in both the database and the Geographic Information System (GIS). Over 1500 individual reports were created from the 75 annual reports and re-entered into CRABS as a result of this project. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective III.3)

- ✓ Added 1010 new cultural resource reports to the SHPO statewide *Cultural Resource Annotated Bibliography System* (CRABS) database and inventory library in FY2014, representing 107,662 acres of new survey [FY2013: 477 new reports/71,456 acres]. There are presently 34,940 individual report documents in CRABS and on file at SHPO, comprising documentation on 5.2 million acres of historic and archaeological survey as well as other studies, including overviews, syntheses, excavation, analyses and research studies.



- ✓ Added 1038 newly recorded properties in FY2014 to the Montana *Cultural Resource Information System* (CRIS) database and statewide property inventory files maintained in the Site Records Office at SHPO [FY2013: 913]. These include 584 new historic properties, 414 pre-contact sites, 19 combination historic/pre-contact sites, as well as 21 paleontological localities. Updated information was collected and registered for an additional 75 previously recorded properties. There are presently 55,788 total cultural resource properties recorded in Montana as part of the State Antiquities Database and inventory.
- ✓ Continued upgrade of State Antiquities Database to a statewide Geo-database/Geographic Information System (GIS) platform for locating previous cultural resource sites and surveys. Have completed the digital spatial mapping process for 24,403 (44%) recorded historic and pre-contact properties and 10,986 (ca 35%) survey locations within the state. This effort is made possible and being supported by an ongoing Bureau of Land Management-SHPO Cultural Resource Data Sharing Partnership (CRDSP). All newly submitted site records and documented surveys in FY2014 continue to be mapped in the statewide GIS on a go-forward basis. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective III.3)

- ✓ Persisted in the creation of comprehensive digital library of the nearly 35,000 existing cultural resource survey reports and other documents in the Montana *Cultural Resource Annotated Bibliography System* (CRABS), begun in FY2011. These digital documents are accessible, on a mediated basis, through the State Antiquities Database system as .pdf images, with optical character recognition (OCR) search capabilities. The hard copies are held in the Montana Historical Society Research Center (Library-Archives) for permanent storage. To date, 29,622 of the 34,940 documents in CRABS (85%) have been digitized, with new reports being added on a go-forward basis and legacy reports scanned as needed.
- ✓ Sustained the ongoing creation and/or uploading of digitized records of all newly submitted property records and updates (site forms) and re-scanning of older site records to improve quality and convert to OCR .pdf format. Montana Historical Society Friends of the Society volunteers assist in the scanning and re-scanning of site forms.
- ✓ Managed Digital Data and Information User Agreements for the use and protection of confidential shared cultural resource information.



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROGRAM FY2014

. Perform regular, allowable National Register program activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: support for the Montana State Historic Preservation Review Board; documentation and evaluation of properties for potential National Register listing; preparation and submission of nominations for eligible properties to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places; participation in the designation of National Historic Landmarks; public education and promotion of the National Register program; and the support of the official Montana National Register property interpretive sign program (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: IV.1-3)

- ✓ John Boughton, SHPO National Register Coordinator, organized three meetings of the nine-member, Governor-appointed Montana State Historic Preservation Review Board in FY2014: Helena (January 10, 2014); Seeley Lake (May 2-3, 2014); and Great Falls (September 13, 2014). Eleven (11) draft National Register nominations and one draft National Historic Landmark nomination (First Peoples Buffalo Jump, Ulm) were reviewed and passed at these meetings; no nominations were unapproved or tabled.

- ✓ Carol Bronson of Great Falls was appointed by Governor Steve Bullock as an interested public member to the State Historic Preservation Review Board, to serve a four-year term from January 3, 2014 to October 1, 2017. Carol replaces Don Matlock who served two four-year terms (2005-2013).



- ✓ Eleven (11) new Montana properties were officially listed in the National Register

of Historic Places in FY2014 as follows (by date):

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| ○ Central School/7 th Ave Gym, Helena Historic District* | Dec 11, 2013 |
| ○ Montana State University Historic District, Bozeman | Dec 24, 2013 |
| ○ Cottonwood Creek Bridge, Ismay, Fallon County | Mar 14, 2014 |
| ○ Haight-Bridgewater House, Helena, L&C County | Mar 14, 2014 |
| ○ Yodeler Motel, Red Lodge, Carbon County | Mar 26, 2014 |
| ○ Hayden Dinosaur Discovery Site, Fergus County** | April 11, 2014 |
| ○ Beartooth Highway (US 212), Red Lodge to Cooke City | May 8, 2014 |
| ○ St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Danvers, Fergus County | May 19, 2014 |
| ○ Milwaukee Road Railroad Substation No. 10, Missoula | July 8, 2014 |
| ○ Camas Creek Cutoff Road, Glacier National Park | July 11, 2014 |
| ○ MacDonald Pass Airway Beacon, Powell County | July 29, 2014 |

* Additional documentation/clarification approved

**Judith Landing Historic District Boundary Increase

- ✓ The Cottonwood Creek Bridge listing was made in conjunction with the *Montana's Historic Timber Stringer Bridges, 1915-1960 Multiple Property Document* prepared by the Montana Department of Transportation as part of a MDT-FHWA-SHPO Historic Roads and Bridges Programmatic Agreement for consideration of the impact of MDT/FHWA bridge replacements and other undertakings under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective IV.1)

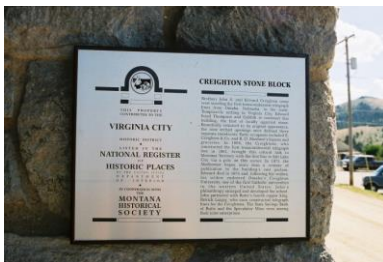


- ✓ Regularly met or communicated with public and private owners of historic properties interested in listing their properties in the National Register of Historic Places. Held public workshop in conjunction with May 2-3, 2014 meeting of the State Historic Preservation Review Board in Seeley Lake. Provided workbooks, guidance and technical assistance on request to owners to assist in research and documentation efforts. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective IV.3)

- ✓ Routinely provided information to public inquiries regarding properties currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Maintained an updated Montana SHPO online list of National Register of Historic Places properties in Montana:
<http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/NRMap.aspx>
(2013-2017 Goal/Objective II.3)



- ✓ Documented and concurred in 171 evaluations of National Register eligibility and 257 evaluations of ineligibility of historic and archaeological properties within the context of state and federal historic preservation legislation (aka “consensus determinations” under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Montana State Antiquities Act). An additional two (2) Montana federal properties were found eligible and 49 ineligible by the Bureau of Land Management programmatically under a national agreement with state historic preservation offices.



- ✓ Gave file support to the Montana Historical Society's Outreach & Interpretation Division, National Register Property Sign Program for the production of 25 new heritage property interpretive plaques in 11 different counties. Gallatin County received the most signs with six total. The one-of-a-kind state sign program

is supported by an annual allocation from the Montana state accommodations tax. Many of the state's National Register sign texts can be found online on the Montana Historical Society supported [Montana History Wiki](http://montanahistorywiki.pbworks.com/National-Register-of-Historic-Places-Sign-Texts) :
(<http://montanahistorywiki.pbworks.com/National-Register-of-Historic-Places-Sign-Texts>) (2013-2017 Goal/Objective II.3)

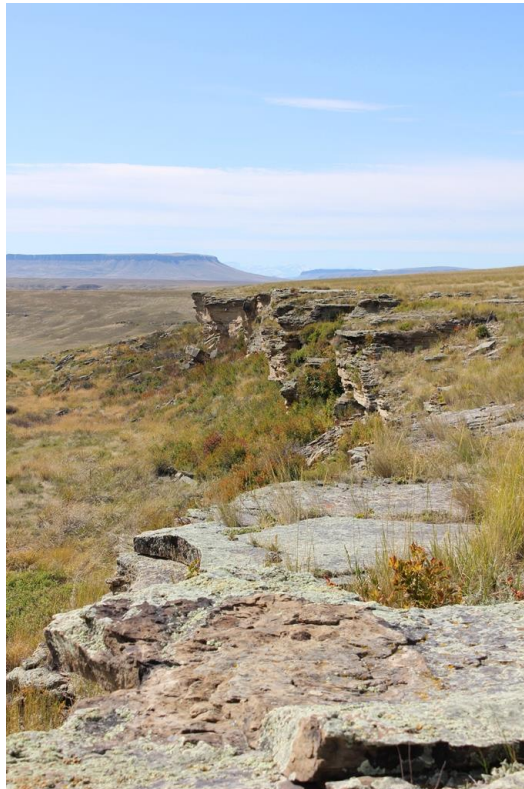


- ✓ Regularly announced or assisted local communities and owners in the preparation and distribution of press releases and stories of new and previously listed National Register properties across the state.

- ✓ *Judith Landing Boundary Expansion Listed in National Register of Historic*

Places, Bureau of Land Management Steward newsletter, Montana/Dakotas, Fall/Winter 2014-2015, by Jonathon Moor (cover story).

- ✓ The Facebook posting of the Glacier National Park Camas Creek Cutoff Road listing in Montana (July 11, 2014) by the NPS National Register program reached over 169,000 people, far and away the biggest social media reach of any previous NPS National Register postings, according to Jeff Joeckel, NPS National Register Archivist. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective I.4)



DEVELOPMENT/ACQUISITIONS/COVENANTS PROGRAM FY2014

. Perform regular, allowable activities relating to historic property development, acquisition and/or covenants that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: the review or preparation of "pre-development" plans; assistance in the material conservation of National Register listed properties; support for the acquisition and preservation of historic sites; preparation and provision of technical assistance in historic architectural preservation; and the development and monitoring as provided for in historic property preservation agreements. (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: I.1; V.4; VII.3)

- ✓ Routinely responded to owner inquiries regarding historic building renovations for properties eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
- ✓ Awarded total of \$11,500 in matching special project sub-grants to three CLGs for pre-development and development projects to be completed in FY2014-2015, as follows: Carbon County CLG to assess and repair HVAC system in the historic Labor Temple (Hirst Pavilion) building, home of the Carbon County Historical Museum (\$1,500); Lewis and Clark County CLG to help complete repairs to historic Kiln #7 of the National Register-listed Archie Bray Brickyard (\$5,000); and Lewistown CLG to conduct a condition assessment of the Power Mercantile Building and a connecting historic building (\$5,000).
- ✓ Gave technical assistance and/or made field visits to public and private historic building renovation projects (non-compliance/non-tax credit) active in planning or implementation in FY2014, including Central Elementary School and the Placer Hotel in Helena, the Monarch Depot in Cascade County, the Missoula County Courthouse, the Phillipsburg Historical Museum, the Hearst Free Library in Anaconda, the Lavina school addition, and the 10th Street Bridge and C.M. Russell House and Studio National Historic Landmark in Great Falls.
- ✓ Mentored Montana State University-Bozeman architecture student and volunteer intern Chelsea Holling in preparation of a Historic Structure Report and adaptive re-use plan for the historic Meagher Cabin in Virginia City.



- ✓ Completed editing of *Historic Windows Repair and Thermal Upgrade Handbook*, created in consultation with SHPO by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality as partial mitigation for energy upgrade projects under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (EECBG: Energy Efficiency Conservation

Block Grant program). Posted edited document on the SHPO website at <http://mhs.mt.gov/Portals/11/shpo/docs/HistoricWindowRepair.pdf> (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives I.1)

- ✓ Attended regular committee meetings to consider plans for the maintenance and rehabilitation of the National Register listed Helena/Lewis and Clark County city-county building, a former Federal Building protected under a deed covenant.
- ✓ Participated in reviews and comments on rehabilitation work on the now privately-owned Havre Post Office building, recipient of a National Park Service Save-America's-Treasures (SAT) grant and protected under a preservation covenant. The project will be awarded a Montana Historic Preservation Award in January 2015.
- ✓ Currently hold term preservation covenants and/or agreements for the above and 18 other historic properties as a result of previous historic preservation assistance grants (e.g. NPS Save-America's Treasures grants; SHPO HPF Rural Property Brick and Mortar Grant program; etc.) and/or compliance mitigation projects.
- ✓ No new or pending state-owned heritage property acquisitions.



PRESERVATION TAX INCENTIVES PROGRAM FY2014

. Perform regular, allowable activities related to the federal and other tax credit rehabilitation programs that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: providing technical assistance and information to organizations and individuals related to the use of federal, state, and local tax incentives; and the review, inspection, and certification of federal tax act projects pursuant to 36 CFR 67 (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: I.1, V.3; VI.2)

- ✓ Reviewed over \$465,000 in federal (20%) and \$116,000 in state (5%) tax credits representing \$2.3 million in investment in three commercial historic property rehabilitations certified as complete (Part 3) by the National Park Service in FY2014: 150 East Spruce Street in Missoula, the Conroy Bungalow in Butte, and the Kaiser House in Phillipsburg.
- ✓ Actively participated in and/or made on-site visits to twelve (12) ongoing historic Tax Act credit projects active in FY2014 (Part 2 approved), including the Arvon Block*, Clark Apartments, and Oxford Hotel* in Great Falls, the Billings Hardware*, Garfield School and Bissinger & Co Hides building in Billings, the Dykman Building* and Eagle Bakery in Butte, the Helena YWCA in Helena, the Missoula Mercantile in Missoula, the Rainbow Hotel in Shelby, and the Modern Hotel* in Whitehall (* = visited on-site).
- ✓ Regularly responded to and met with owners of commercial historic properties considering using the federal tax credit rehabilitation program to rehabilitate buildings .
- ✓ Made presentations on the Tax Credit program and/or the Secretary of the Interior's Standards at the 2014 *Museums Association of Montana Conference* (March 20-21, 2014) and *Montana Downtown Conference* (September 24-26, 2014) in Helena, the Rotary Club in Phillipsburg (April 3, 2014) and to three CLG historic preservation commissions in Bozeman, Butte and Missoula [see also below, Other Activities: Outreach].



REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM FY2014

. Perform regular, allowable review and compliance activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: timely project reviews with qualified professional staff according to applicable federal and/or state rules, standards and guidelines; specific assistance to federal agencies in fulfilling their responsibilities under Sections 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act; the development and participation in preservation compliance agreements; and the participation as legally designated in related state preservation laws and code, including the Montana State Antiquities Act, the Montana Human Skeletal Remains and Burial Protection Act and the Montana Repatriation Act (2013-2017

Goals/Objectives: V.3; VI.4; VII.2)

- ✓ In FY2014, the SHPO Review and Compliance team (Compliance Officers Kathryn Ore/Jessica Bush, State Archaeologist Stan Wilmoth, Historic Architecture Specialist Pete Brown, and Cultural Records Manager Damon Murdo) reviewed and provided written responses to 1,807 compliance requests under the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106), the National Environmental Protection Act, and/or state preservation laws (Montana State Antiquities Act, Montana Environmental Protection Act). These responses represent an average of 7.2 written review and compliance consultations per *work day*, up from FY2013 (1,633 reviews; 6.5/work day). A single compliance request for SHPO comments may involve one or more individual projects and properties, i.e. a single 1 acre gravel pit with no identified sites versus an entire 100 mile pipeline project with tens or hundreds of sites. Additional compliance projects for certain federal agencies (e.g. Bureau of Land Management; USDA Forest Service, Natural Resource Conservation Service) are also programmatically reviewed, and do not require written SHPO responses. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective VII.2)
- ✓ Of the total 1,807 review and compliance consultations in FY2014, 960 (or a little over half) were initial "file search" requests for SHPO cultural resource information and survey recommendations for project areas of potential effect. SHPO provided same- or next-day responses to the majority of these file search requests (response turn-around rate = 0.50 days, where 0 = same day; 1 = next *calendar day*). The 960 FY2014 file searches involved record searches and reviews of a total of 9,012 sections of land.
- ✓ For 602 of these 960 initial project reviews ("file searches") made in FY2014 in which SHPO survey recommendations were requested by agencies or designated applicants, SHPO recommended that no further cultural resource work was warranted in 482 (80%) of the cases, based upon existing information in the State Antiquities Database and staff determination that there was a low likelihood of impact to significant heritage properties within the defined project scope or area of potential effect. These projects were able to proceed without further consultation with SHPO on cultural resource impacts.
- ✓ For the remaining 847 review and compliance written consultations for project undertakings (e.g., written comments on cultural resource survey reports,

evaluations of historical significance, determinations of effect, treatment options, preservation agreements for mitigation of adverse effects, etc.), the overall average response turn-around rate in FY2014 was 6.2 *calendar days* per consultation. This average response rate, slightly less than in FY2013 (6.4 calendar days), is also well below the 30-day response time generally allowed for under preservation regulations.

- ✓ SHPO participated in the development of and signed seven (7) new Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) and five (5) new Programmatic Agreements (PAs) in FY2014 with lead federal agencies, the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), and other concurring parties. These agreements serve as legal documents for the treatment and mitigation of adverse or potential adverse effects to significant heritage properties under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.



The five new FY2014 Programmatic Agreements are:

- *Regarding the Keystone XL Pipeline Project* (U.S. Department of State/U.S. Bureau of Land Management/U.S. Army Corp of Engineers/U.S. Bureau of Reclamation/National Park Service/Western Area Power Administration/U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service/U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service/U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency/U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs/ Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation/Montana Department of Environmental Quality/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation/Montana SHPO/Kansas SHPO/Texas SHPO/Nebraska SHPO/Oklahoma SHPO/South Dakota SHPO/ TransCanada Pipeline, LP)
- *Regarding Management of Historic Properties at the Libby Dam and Lake Koocanusa Project, Lincoln County, Montana* (U.S. Army Corp of Engineers/Bonneville Power Administration/Kootenai National Forest/Tribes of the Flathead Reservation/Montana SHPO)
- *Specified U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Programs Administered by the City of Billings, Montana* (City of Billings/Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board/Montana SHPO)
- *Regarding the Proposed Development, Implementation and Operation of the Powder River Training Complex* (28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth Air Force Base/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation/Montana SHPO/North Dakota SHPO/South Dakota SHPO/Wyoming SHPO/Federal Aviation Administration/National Park Service/Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe/Crow Tribe/Northern Cheyenne Tribe/Standing Rock Sioux Tribe)
- *Regarding Obligation of Loan 516 to Triangle Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc. for Construction of Telecommunications Infrastructure in Hill,*

Fergus, Chouteau Counties, Montana (U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service/Montana SHPO/Triangle Telephone Cooperative Assoc., Inc.)

- ✓ SHPO also continued its consultations with the USDA Forest Service Region 1 in the revision of a 1995 Programmatic Agreement regarding cultural resources management on all national forests in Montana and with the Bureau of Land



Management in the development of a new Montana state protocol under the BLM's national Programmatic Agreement for the manner in which it meets requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act for all cultural resources under its domain. These two major agreements with federal land-

managing agencies are due to be completed in FY2015. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective VI.3)

- ✓ Developed and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to address allowances and abbreviated historic preservation consultation for the Presidential declared emergency disaster recovery relating to the Spring 2014 floods in Central Montana (FEMA-4172-DR-MT). SHPO expedited the review and comment on 18 FEMA project consultations in FY2014 relating to the flood disaster recovery.

- ✓ Out of the total 1,807 compliance consultations, only eight (8) federal and one state undertaking resulted in a finding of *adverse effect* to National Register listed or eligible properties in FY2014 (not including potential future adverse effects to properties addressed through the programmatic agreements above).



- ✓ The nine undertakings resulting in findings of *adverse effects* in FY2014 were:
 - Bitterroot Irrigation District Phase 3 and 4 irrigation siphon replacement project, Ravalli County (Army Corps of Engineers)
 - Souse Gulch campground project, Libby Dam, Lincoln County (Army Corps of Engineers) (*PA)
 - East Mapleton Mine dump removal plan of operation, Madison County (Bureau of Land Management-Dillon) (*MOA)
 - Deadman's Basin diversion dam and head gate replacement, Golden Valley and Wheatland Counties (Montana Dept. of Natural Resources & Conservation) (*mitigation plan)

- Wilson recreation cabin roof replacement, Carbon Cabin (USFS Gallatin National Forest) (*draft MOA)
- Caird Engineering plant abatement and demolition (Environmental Protection Agency) (*MOA)
- Dewitt and Kirkpatrick recreation residences modifications (USFS Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest)
- Solenex LLC exploratory oil/gas drilling, Badger Two Medicine (USFS Lewis & Clark National Forest)
- Goodrich Gulch Mine waste rock removal, Beaverhead County (USFS Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest) (*draft MOA)

Mitigation plans and/or Agreements (MOA/PAs) in consultation with SHPO were developed or are pending by the agencies for mitigating these adverse effects.

- ✓ SHPO compliance reviewers hosted or participated in 31 meetings, 19 teleconference calls, and 2 webinars with representatives of federal, state and local agencies, tribes, applicants, organizations and/or other interested parties regarding general programs and specific state and federal project undertakings with the potential to impact heritage properties.
- ✓ Included in the meetings was a two-day (Feb 13-14, 2014) conference in Billings to discuss the proposed Tongue River Railroad project in eastern Montana (Surface Transportation Board), an April 3, 2014 meeting in Great Falls in regards to proposed exploratory oil & gas drilling in the Badger Two Medicine Traditional Cultural District on the Rocky Mountain Front (Lewis & Clark National Forest), and a two-day (May 7-8, 2014) multi-state Northern Plains Tribal Summit organized by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in Fort Yates, ND to discuss historic preservation issues in energy development.
- ✓ SHPO also made nine on-site project visits, as requested by federal and state agencies or proponents for review of pending or ongoing compliance projects.
- ✓ Organized, advertised, and successfully implemented a SHPO and Bureau of Land Management co-sponsored two-day Montana Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO)-SHPO-Agency Summit in Helena, May 20-21, 2014. THPOs from all seven Montana reservations as well as the Nez Perce THPO (ID) participated, as did representatives from six state and ten federal agencies. In all 50 people met to discuss agency-tribal consultation, development of protocols and programmatic agreements, and fostering better working relationships. A summary report of findings was prepared by SHPO for participants. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective VI.4)



- ✓ Continued updating of *Consulting with Montana SHPO: Guidelines and Procedures for Cultural Resource Review and Consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act and the Montana State Antiquities Act* (2000) to be completed in FY2015: <http://mhs.mt.gov/shpo/archaeology/consultingwith.asp> (2013-2017 Goal/Objective I.1)
- ✓ Regularly consulted with state agencies involving state-owned heritage properties and projects on state land under the Montana State Antiquities Act, including the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (trust lands), Fish Wildlife & Parks, the Montana Heritage Commission (Virginia City NHL/Reeder's Alley), the Montana Department of Administration, and the Montana University system (see also – Other: biennial State Heritage Stewardship reporting) (2013-2017 Goal/Objective VII.2)
- ✓ Provided staff support to the Montana Burial Board under the Montana Human Skeletal Remains and Burial Site Protection Act, participating in three Board meetings in FY2014. Assisted in the notification, handling and documentation of 6 new cases involving discovery of human remains.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FY2014

. Perform regular, allowable activities relating to the certification of local governments in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: certification as eligible under Section 101c of the National Historic Preservation Act; processing of applications for certification or amendments of certification agreements; development of state program guidance and procedures; and monitoring and evaluation of existing CLG performance under sub-grants. (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: IV.3, V.2, VI.1)

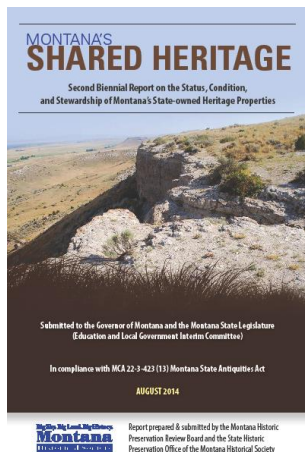
- ✓ Awarded a total of \$120,695 in support from the FY2014 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) as sub-grants to Montana's 16 communities and/or counties participating in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program, exceeding the minimum NPS 10% HPF pass-through requirement (15.4%).
- ✓ The \$120,695 includes \$74,650 in annual CLG FY2014 operational sub-grants and an additional \$46,045 in special project sub-grants awarded competitively to nine CLGS in August 2014 for use in FY2014-2015 (see elsewhere for more information on funded CLG special projects: Survey and Inventory, Development, Planning, and Other).
- ✓ Assisted and communicated regularly via phone, email and social media with all Montana local preservation officers during the year.
- ✓ Worked extensively with Butte-Silver Bow County CLG in revision of local ordinance defining Historic Preservation Commission duties in historic property demolition review.
- ✓ Conducted training in Red Lodge for newly hired Carbon County local historic preservation officer, Samantha Long, April 23-24.
- ✓ Performed 4-year performance evaluation of Billings-Yellowstone County-Crow Tribe CLG program. Met or exceeded performance standards, with minor issues to be addressed.
- ✓ Continued to monitor and evaluate Anaconda-Deer Lodge County for potential CLG de-certification due to lack of active historic preservation commission functioning.



OTHER ACTIVITIES FY2014
(OUTREACH and MULTIPLE PROGRAMS)
See also individual programs

. Perform regular, allowable other activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: organization and participation in historic preservation outreach and education programs; assistance to HABS/HAER documentation projects; the support of statewide and local preservation organizations; and the conduct of other activities that cross-cut other program areas (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: I.2, II.1, VII.3; All)

- ✓ Responded to inquiries and provided technical assistance in the form of 1699 phone calls, 2985 emails, and 129 meetings (with 633 people) during FY2014. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective VII.4)
- ✓ Routinely provided expertise in preservation, historic architecture, architectural history, and archaeology to the programs and projects of the Montana Historical Society (MHS). (2013-2017 Goal/Objective V.2)
- ✓ Assisted in the processing and approval of applications to the Montana Centennial Farm & Ranch Program, administered through the Montana Historical Society. Twenty-six properties have been certified by the Montana Historical Society since the creation of this program by the 2009 Montana Legislature.



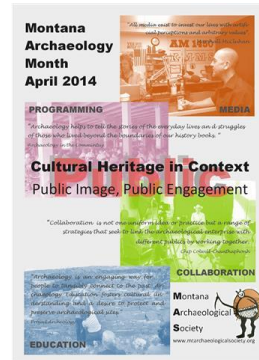
- ✓ Pursuant to amendments to the Montana State Antiquities Act (SB3-2011) made by the 2011 Montana Legislature, worked with the State Preservation Review Board to review biennial reports from 12 state agencies and prepare an 18-pg summary document with recommendations to the Governor and Legislature on the status of state agency stewardship of 508 documented state-owned heritage properties: *MONTANA'S SHARED HERITAGE: Second Biennial Report on the Status, Condition, and Stewardship of Montana's State-owned Heritage Properties.*

(<http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/ReviewComp/StateHeritageProperties.aspx>) (2013-2017 Goal/Objective V.3)

- ✓ Compiled and reported on activities involving Montana's seven Indian reservations for the Governor's Office 2014 State-Tribal Relations report.
- ✓ Networked online and on the phone with national preservation partners, including the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO), National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), and the National Park Service (NPS).

- ✓ Collaborated with non-profit Montana Archaeological Society (MAS) in celebrating Montana Archaeology Month (April 2014) by organized the mailing of the poster *Cultural Heritage in Context: Public Image, Public Engagement* to over 200 addresses.

(<http://www.mtarchaeologicalsociety.org/16401.html>)
(2013-2017 Goal/Objective I.2)



- ✓ Organized and participated in conjunction with the Montana Historical Society Outreach and Interpretation program in the annual MHS *Archaeology Day!* with hands-on demonstrations of prehistoric technology for 8 local schools/28 G3-8 classes/655 students (September 25, 2014).

- ✓ Advised and assisted Montana Historical Society in the recognition of the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in Montana through programming and the MHS website: *Women's History Matters* (<http://montanawomenshistory.org>). In addition to historical context, the website includes an interactive map page that links to National Register nominations and documents about places associated with women's history across the state. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective I.4)

- ✓ Contributing research and writing to the ongoing creation of a publication, online exhibit, and educational materials celebrating the Montana Historical Society's 150th anniversary (2015) through 150 selected objects in the MHS collection, including artifacts that tie to the pre-contact archaeology of the state as well as objects and documents connected to significant historic places statewide.

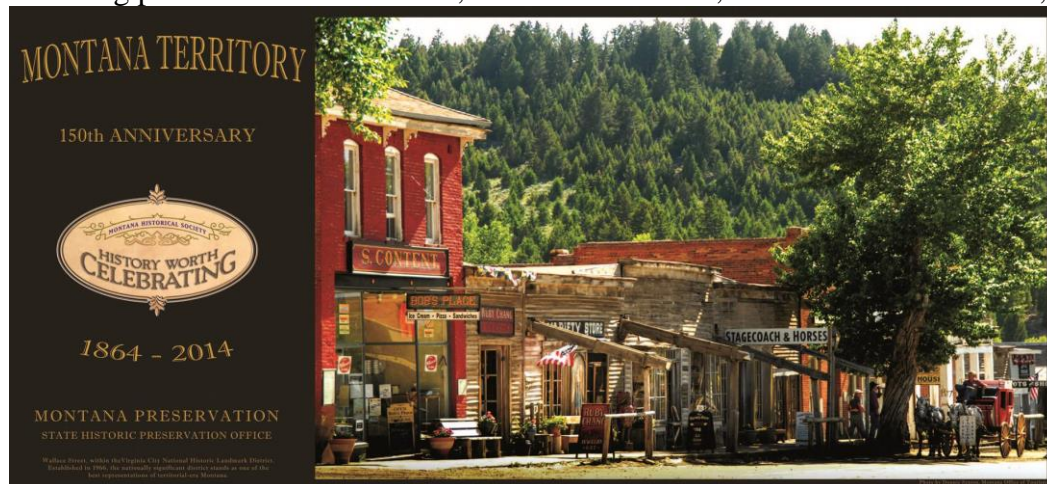


- ✓ Co-sponsored the 2014 *Montana Downtown Conference* held in Helena, September 24-26, 2014, including presentations by SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist Pete Brown and SHPO Grants Manager Robb McCracken (see below, Presentations). (2013-2017 Goal/Objective VII.3)

- ✓ Co-sponsored and assisted in the planning and implementation of the second biennial *Montana Preservation Road Show* in Lewistown, June 11-14, 2014. This fieldtrip-oriented workshop/conference, organized and hosted by the statewide non-profit Montana Preservation Alliance, is supported by a broad coalition of state and federal agencies and organizations, attracting over 100 attendees.



- ✓ Awarded Butte-Silver Bow County CLG a FY2014 matching special project sub-grant for \$4,745 to help prepare temporary educational exhibits to be placed in store-fronts and other public spaces throughout the Butte NHL to inform residents and visitors about historic preservation projects and their role in the city's economic and social welfare. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective V.1)
- ✓ Awarded Hardin-Big Horn County CLG a \$3,000 FY2014 matching special project sub-grant to help prepare an updated historic map and walking tour of downtown Hardin.
- ✓ Collaborated with the Bureau of Land Management Project Archaeology Montana Site Stewardship Program (Montana State University), including participation in an advanced training workshop held in Nevada City, September 20, 2014. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective VI.3)
- ✓ Designed, printed and mailed the 2014 Montana Preservation poster, *Montana Territory 150th Anniversary*, in May 2014 to approximately 1000 addresses, including preservation constituents, Montana museums, local historical societies,



and public libraries, as well as membership of the Montana Historical Society. An additional 1000 posters were distributed free on request and through various venues, including a special anniversary exhibit at the Montana Historical Society throughout the summer and fall. The poster features Virginia City National Historic Landmark in Madison County, the territorial Montana Capitol established in 1865. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective II.3)

- ✓ Arranged for the SHPO-created *Montana Modern* traveling exhibit, featuring the principles and preservation of post-WWII architecture in Montana, to be displayed in Billings (Western Heritage Center) and Bozeman (Montana State University). (2013-2017 Goal/Objective I.2)



- ✓ In collaboration with the Montana Preservation Alliance and other Montana Historical Society staff, began research to identify and describe Montana's "top 100" architectural properties for inclusion on the Society of Architectural Historians' (SAH) online Archipedia. (<http://www.sah.org/publications-and-research/sah-archipedia>) This project is part of a SAH's nation-wide initiative to provide substantial, peer-reviewed contexts about the architectural legacy of the United States. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective I.4)
- ✓ Provided input and service to boards and special committees or programs of state and other organizations, including: the State Historic Preservation Review Board, the Montana Heritage Commission, the Montana Burial Preservation Board, the Natural Resource Information System Advisory Board, the State Information Technology Services Division Geographic Information System Coordination Committee, the Montana Archaeological Society, the Montana Main Street Advisory Board, and the Montana Preservation Alliance. (2013-2017 Goal/Objective V.2)



- ✓ Regularly prepared and/or assisted in the preparation of press releases for state preservation properties and activities, including National Register of Historic Places meetings and property listings, public forums and workshops, special events, and grant awards. Regularly provided content to the Montana

Historical Society newsletter (*Society Star*) and social media outlets, including the MHS Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/MontanaHistoricalSociety> (2013-2017 Goal/Objective II.1)

- ✓ FY2014 SHPO staff presentations, educational programs and outreach (2013-2017 Goal/Objective VI.2):
 - Education: *MHS Archaeology Day!*, October 3, 2013 (Stan Wilmoth, Andrew Craft, Damon Murdo, Kathryn Ore, John Boughton, Kate Hampton, Pete Brown). N = 425 students.
 - Presentation: Fossil Hunter: Ferdinand Hayden and the Rise in Paleontology in Montana, MHS Lecture Series, November 7, 2013 (Kate Hampton)
 - Presentation: *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*, Bozeman Historic Preservation Advisory Board, November 21, 2013 (Pete Brown)
 - Presentation: *SOI Standards, Local Design Review, and Historic Infill*, Butte Historic Preservation Commission, December 19, 2013 (Pete Brown)
 - Presentation: *Optimism and Endurance: The Architecture of Helena's 6th Ward*, last Chance Corral Westerners, Helena, January 20, 2014 (Kate Hampton)
 - Presentation: *Preservation Design Review and Tax Credits*, Missoula Historic Preservation Commission, February 6, 2014 (Pete Brown)



- Presentation: *Cultural Resource Compliance for Gravel Pits during Federal Emergency Undertakings*, Montana Association of Counties (MACO) midwinter conference, Billings, February 11, 2014 (Damon Murdo)
- *My Career at the State Historic Preservation Office*, University of Oregon Historic Preservation Program webinar, February 11, 2014 (Kathryn Ore)
- Presentation: *Historic Structures Reports*, MAM conference workshop on Managing Your Historic Museum, Helena, March 20, 2014 (Kate Hampton)
- Presentation: *Queens of the Clouds: Montana's First Aviatrices*, MHS March Noon lecture series, March 26, 2014 (Kate Hampton/Anthony Wood, intern)
- Education: National History Day competition, Billings, March 29, 2014 (Kathryn Ore, guest judge)
- Presentation: *Historic Preservation, Districts, and Tax Credits*, Phillipsburg Rotary Club, April 3, 2014 (Kate Hampton/Pete Brown)
- Presentation: *What is the National Register of Historic Places?* UM Helena College, Helena, April 23, 2014 (John Boughton)
- Presentation: *Fossil Hunter: Ferdinand Hayden & the Rise of Paleontology in Montana*, Carbon County Historical Society, Red Lodge, April 24, 2014 (Kate Hampton)
- Presentation: *Queens of the Clouds: Montana's First Aviatrices*, Deer Lodge Rotary Club, April 30, 2014 (Kate Hampton)
- *A Citizen's Guide to Montana Historic Preservation Law: Finding Your Voice*, Montana Historical Society Thursday Lecture Series, Helena, May 1, 2014 (Kathryn Ore)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wUqkXSzlbsQ&list=UU5qlY9sTsSsOufb06h8WXHg>
- Education: CR Anderson Middle School Career Day, Helena, May 22, 2014 (Damon Murdo)
- Education: Archaeology, Stones and Bones, Helena PEAK Program, UM Helena College, June 4, 2014 – three presentations (Damon Murdo)
- Presentation: *Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credits*, Butte Dust-to-Dazzle, June 28, 2014 (Pete Brown)
- Education: Anzick Site presentation, Museum of the Rockies docents, Montana Historical Society Museum, Helena, September 4, 2014 (Stan Wilmoth)
- Presentation: *A Matter of Right, and Not of Charity: The Early History of the Montana State Training School in Boulder, 1893-1950*, Montana Historical Society Thurs night public lecture, September 11, 2014 (Chelsea Chamberlain, former SHPO Sobotka intern)
- Presentation: *Montana's Shared Heritage: Second Biennial Report on the Status, Condition, and Stewardship of Montana's State-owned Heritage*



Properties, Interim Legislative Committee on Education and Local Government, State Capitol, Helena, September 15, 2014 (Mark Baumler, Preservation Review Board members Lesley Gilmore and Tim Urbaniak)

- Presentation: *Queens of the Clouds*, 41st Annual Montana Historical Society History Conference, Helena, September 20, 2014 (Kate Hampton)
- Presentation: *West Side Walking Tour*, 41st Annual Montana Historical Society History Conference, Helena, September 20, 2014 (Kate Hampton)
- Education: Montana Site Stewardship Program advanced training/workshop: Nevada City cemetery documentation, Nevada City, September 20, 2014 (Damon Murdo)
- Presentation: *Rehabilitation: Balancing Historic Character with Contemporary Needs*, Montana Downtown Conference, Helena, September 25, 2014 (Pete Brown)
- Presentation: *Grant Research and Grant Proposal Writing*, Montana Downtown Conference, Helena, September 25, 2014 (Robb McCracken)
- Education: MHS Archaeology Day, Helena, September 25, 2014 (SHPO staff)

